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IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2006, having a threemonth statutory period for response set to expire on September 27, 2006, entry and consideration of the following is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.